

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85th Street
7:00 PM
Meeting Notes - DRAFT

Attendance:

Steve Deters, Aurora Ave Merchants
Eugene Wasserman, Broadview Community Council
Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge Community Council
Ann Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council
Tom Meyers, Licton Springs Community Council
Peter House, 43rd District Democrats
Elizabeth Statton, 36th District Democrats
Gloria Butts, Bitter Lake P-Patch
Rob Mattson, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods staff

Guests:

Doug Cox, SDOT
Ron Hornung Green Lake resident
Sue Gering, Northgate Community Center
Pati Maxwell, Northgate Community Center
Eric Youngblat, Northgate resident
Jeffrey Linn, McDonald School PTA

Introductions/Short Announcements

NWDC minutes from February 27, 2013 Steve Deter moved, Tom Meyers seconded, that minutes be approved as written. Motion passed.

Sidewalks 101, Doug Cox, SDOT – PM Pedestrian /Bike Safety Program. Topics discussed:

- Where sidewalks are needed based on the 2009 pedestrian master plan; criteria are designed to focus resources where walking conditions are difficult and where people most need to be able to walk. Use as much data as possible to prioritize projects. Criteria used:
 - Demand – where people are walking
 - Equity – socio-economic factors
 - Corridor function
- SDOT programs
 - Sidewalk development - \$1.8 M/year
 - Neighborhood Street Fund – 3 year cycle
 - Neighborhood Parks and Street Fund - \$90K/district
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - Safe Routes to School - \$1M/year
 - Curb ramp program - \$1.3M/ year – backlogged but close to being caught up
 - Crossing Improvement Project - \$1.3 M / year
- Sidewalks cost approximately \$200K/block
- Majority of sidewalks are built by private development – changes to law in 2008 required more developers to build sidewalks but work is being done parcel by parcel rather than in larger lots
- Questions, concerns, contact Doug Cox—douglas.cox@seattle.gov
- Gene Wasserman suggested that NWDC should call on the city to increase funds available for sidewalks as they build budget. Gene will write draft letter for future approval.

2013 NPSF (Neighborhood Park Street Fund)

Annually, the City of Seattle provides \$1.25M citywide to fund small scale improvements to Seattle streets and parks. Each of Seattle's 13 districts is provided approx \$90K from this program to fund projects in their district. Proposals come from community groups and individuals. The 2013 funding cycle attracted nine proposals in the NW district. At this meeting we were charged with selecting three of the nine for further evaluation by Seattle DOT or Seattle Parks for cost and feasibility. The analysis of those three projects will then come back to NWDC in June of this year; at which time we will assign a priority order for our top three projects.

The nine proposals were submitted by four individuals who each had an opportunity to make a short presentation

Jeffrey Linn on behalf of McDonald International School PTA. School moved into "mothballed" building this year.

Requests would make it safer for children to get to school. He was asked to prioritize the projects

2013-031 -- Curb extension -- NE corner of Latona Ave NE & NE 54th Street -- 4th priority

2013-042 -- Curb extension -- SE corner of Latona Ave NE & NE 55th Street. -- 1st priority

2013-044 -- Curb ramps -- West side of Latona Ave NE @ NE 51, 52, & 53 Streets.

2013-045 -- Curb ramps -- North side of N 53 & N 54 between Meridian Ave N and 1 Ave NE

2013-046 -- Curb ramps -- 4 corners of 1st Ave NE & NE 55th Street. -- 2nd priority

2013-048 -- Curb ramps -- 2 corners of 1st Ave NE & NE 54th Street -- 3rd priority

Jacqueline Sorgen submitted request on behalf of residents of an adult family home. Project would allow resident to safely reach bus access; Elizabeth Statton present at the meeting on behalf of Jacqueline

2013-080 -- Curb ramps -- West side of Fremont Ave N at N 79 to N 84

Eric Youngblat -- resident of Northgate; sidewalk was put in on 115th two years ago but SDOT would not include crosswalk at that time; crosswalk at this location would make it safer to cross 5th Ave. Extra utility pole blocks view and should be removed

2013-071 -- Crosswalk & utility pole -- South side of NE 115th Street crossing 5th Ave NE

Sue Geving, Northgate community council -- park is new and still needs play equipment to make it multi-generational use

2013-072 -- Play equipment -- Hubbard Homestead Park (11203 5th Ave NE)

It was noted that there is overlap in the Northgate neighborhood between the NWDC and the Northeast DC. Gene Wasserman stated that in the future he will not vote for projects in the disputed area as a matter of principle. Rob Mattson stated that that overlap is being addressed by the City Neighborhood Council. Members present voted. Three projects chosen were:

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Chairs Report, Rick Klingele

- Appointment to Neighborhood Matching Fund CRT (Citywide Review Team) and appointment of District Level Matching Fund Review Committee
 - Last month the group stated a preference for the District Councils to be the forums for evaluating these proposals. Steve Deter moved and Ellen Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously that we write a letter stating that position.
 - Need a volunteer to represent the NWDC at 8 meetings in June to determine grants for DON Large Project Fund. No volunteers at the meeting but anyone interested should contact Rick Klingele
 - Need team of three people to hear any NWDC proposals -- Rick, Ann Bowden and Gene Wasserman volunteered

Report -- City Neighborhood Council, Irene Wall

- CNC discussed their visibility and making known the value of the District Council system -- one possibility -- attendance at street fairs? No decision was made
- Planning a candidates forum that will be on the Seattle Channel
- Budget committee is starting to think about City budget requests

- Looking at comprehensive plan and transit communities in particular but uncertain how they will work. Expect that transit communities could represent a big shift in single family zoning.

Staff Report, Rob Mattson

- information distributed about Sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements planned to support Rapid Ride E Line implementation including a list of proposed sidewalks and curb ramps
- Flyer distributed about 2013 PACE leadership development for emerging /potential community leaders
- Distributed Email list of NWDC member reps and alternates; corrections, additions should be sent to Rob

Next Meeting – April 24

NOTE

For more information or to share your ideas about District Council projects and issues, contact Northwest District Council staff Rob Mattson, Rob.Mattson@seattle.gov , 684-4051 or NWDC Chair Rick Klingele at NWDCouncil@gmail.com. The NWDC meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month; 7 PM at the Greenwood Senior Center, **except** in July, November & December (meets 1st Wednesday each December). For more info visit www.NWDCouncil.org